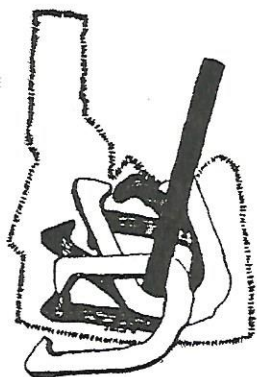


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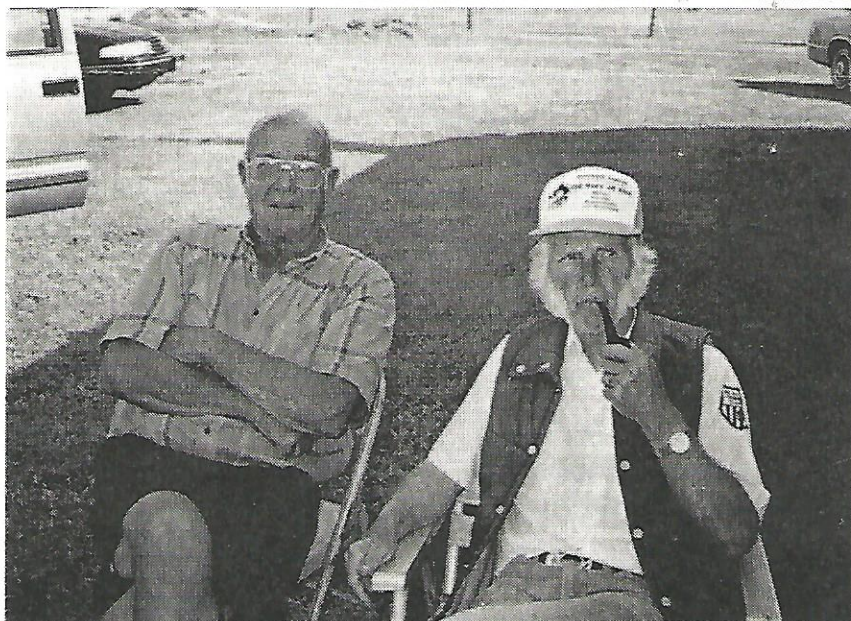
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FOUR DEAD!

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This photo by Jess Lyda,
Orofino, taken at the
1994 State Tournament
in Salmon
pretty well sums up
IDAHO HORSESHOES 1994

Long-time Idaho Horseshoe booster and
ISHPA Secretary-Treasurer Warren
Stutzman, Rupert, who passed away last
October 17 and Charlie Ault, Sagle, 1994
Idaho State Class A Champion.

President's Message

It's time again to begin the Idaho horseshoe pitching season. I'm sure that most of you are ready for the sound of shoes against the peg. It's time to start practicing so we can catch up to those who were fortunate enough to spend the winter in Arizona.

I want to encourage each of you to request your membership cards from Bonnie Stutzman, State Secretary, now. Bonnie will not be able to attend many early tournaments so it will be best for all to get their cards early — prior to your first tournament. Just send your check for \$17. to Bonnie at RR#5, Box

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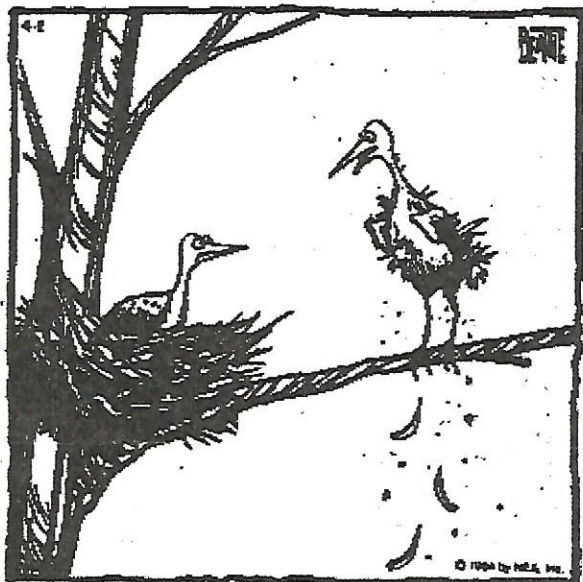
Tournament Directors need to be aware that the price of the Idaho plaques for the first time sanctioned Class Champions has increased from \$19. to \$22.00. You will need to hold out an additional #3. from your pay-back purses and send \$22. for each plaque to Bonnie.

I was able to attend the Las Vegas Open in January along with Ray Grossaint, Nampa, Cliff Amsbaugh, Post Falls and the Andersons — Lyle, Ruth and Joy of Idaho Falls. There were seventeen 24-man classes for a total of 408 pitchers. The tournament champion was Rich Pintor of Colorado. The Anderson family brought home \$400. — assuming no gambling losses — with Ruth winning her class, Lyle taking a 5th and Joy (*over*)

NHPA Membership

Year	Adults	Juniors	Total
1979	5,216	394	5,610
1980	5,589	418	6,007
1981	6,365	545	6,862
1982	6,756	594	7,350
1983	7,689	631	8,320
1984	8,297	601	8,898
1985	8,705	661	9,366
1986	9,432	611	10,043
1987	10,887	637	10,069
1988	10,614	609	11,524
1989	11,513	746	12,259
1990	12,523	739	13,262
1991	14,843	864	15,707
1992	14,396	922	15,318
1993	13,935	853	14,788
1994	13,512	896	14,408

BEATTY BLVD.



Next time, how about I sit on the eggs, and you draw the predators away from the nest?

President's Message continued

Idaho Falls. There were seventeen 24-man classes for a total of 408 pitchers. The tournament champion was Rich Pintor of Colorado. The Anderson family brought home \$400. — assuming no gambling losses — with Ruth winning her class, Lyle taking a 5th and Joy taking an 11th place. Ray, Cliff and I just participated.

Last year I initiated a Director of the Year Award which was won by Dave Spears of Boise. I believe the extra effort expended by the directors to achieve that award resulted in improvement in the overall quality of our tournaments. I also feel it's important to recognize the hard work and effort required to host and direct each of our tournaments. To that end I will be selecting a committee to identify the outstanding director again this year.

As you will notice from the schedule there are a few weekends without tournaments. If there are any clubs who would like to schedule tournaments on those vacant weekends please notify Bonnie or me.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the pits.

Wayne Durnil

President, Twin Falls

If you find a mistake in FOUR DEAD! — remember we try to have something for everyone — even those who are always looking for mistakes.

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THE NEW SCORE SHEET

THIS new type score sheet was introduced at the Las Vegas Tournament in January. It was developed by Genevieve Lavette of California. Its primary advantage is improved accuracy—that is, it is more difficult to make a mistake with the new form. That's because by completing the boxes at the bottom of the form, one is actually checking the results for errors, just as is done separately now. Thus where in the past scoring and checking has been a two-step process, the new form makes it a one-step process. Scorekeepers say it requires a little getting use to but the transition is not difficult. These new scoresheets will be used at the 1995 World Tournament in Georgia and will likely catch on quickly everywhere by 1996. The two scoresheets reproduced below are from the Vegas Tourney and taken from *SHOES NEWS* of the Washington State HPA. Much can be gained from their study. The left sheet records the Vegas game between Rich Pintor, they call him the "Happy Mex" in Denver (altho' he lost this game, he won the tourney) and Art Sperber of WA. The scorekeeper was Bud Schardine, UT, Regional Director. Note this is a handicapped game and that there is a place on the new form to record that fact. It is also a 40-shoe "count all" game. The middle "shoe" column with arrows indicates who pitches first in the alternate pitch mode. The column marked "CLSH" is close shoe. This is a *handicapped, count-all, alternate pitch* game.

The Vegas scoresheet on the right also uses the new form but for a *non-handicapped, cancellation game without alternate pitch*. Carol Sperber is wife of Art (in the left scoresheet) and is also the Editor of Washington's *SHOES NEWS*.

NHPA GAME SCORE SHEET											
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association				Call							
Date <u>1-11</u>				No score	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Class <u>A</u> Section <u>2</u>				1 ringer each no score	X	-	-	-	-	-	
Game No. <u>10</u> Court <u>7</u>				Four dead	XX	-	-	-	-	-	
HCP <u>6</u> - <u>4</u> - VS - <u>6</u> HCP <u>8</u>				1 ringer each one point	X	-	-	-	-	-	
Name <u>Rich Pintor</u> vs <u>Art Sperber</u>				1 point	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ringers				2 points	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Points				1 ringer 3 points	-	0	3	-	-	-	
Score				3 ringer 3 points	X	0	3	-	-	-	
Shoes				1 ringer 4 points	-	0	3	-	-	-	
CAN LIVE RING CLSH				2 ringer 5 points	-	0	0	6	-	-	
XX-X	00-0	6-3	2-1	* Repeat column for opponent.							
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0	3	1	10	0	3	1	12	0	3	1	12
0	3	1	13	4→	0	6	18	0	6	18	18
0	3	1	17	6→	0	6	24	0	6	24	24
0	3	1	21	8→	0	6	30	0	6	30	30
0	3	1	25	10→	0	6	36	0	6	36	36
0	6	-	31	12→	0	3	40	0	3	40	40
0	6	-	37	14→	-	-	42	-	-	42	42
0	6	-	43	16→	0	3	46	0	3	46	46
0	6	-	49	18→	0	6	52	0	6	52	52
-	-	2	51	20→	0	3	56	0	3	56	56
0	3	-	54	22→	0	6	62	0	6	62	62
0	3	1	58	24→	0	6	68	0	6	68	68
0	6	-	64	26→	0	6	74	0	6	74	74
0	6	-	70	28→	0	3	77	0	3	77	77
0	6	-	76	30→	0	6	83	0	6	83	83
0	3	1	80	32→	-	-	84	-	-	84	84
0	3	-	83	34→	0	6	90	0	6	90	90
0	3	-	86	36→	0	6	96	0	6	96	96
0	6	-	92	38→	0	3	100	0	3	100	100
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				44→							
				46→							
				48→							
				50→							

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TOTAL RINGERS

67.5%

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TOTAL RINGERS

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TOTAL RINGERS

75.0%

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TOTAL RINGERS

100%

SCOREKEEPER BUD SCHARDINE

NHPA GAME SCORE SHEET												
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association				Call								
Date <u>1-10-95</u>				No score	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Class <u>H</u> Section <u>2</u>				1 ringer each no score	X	-	-	-	-	-		
Game No. <u>2</u> Court <u>9</u>				Four dead	XX	-	-	-	-	-		
HCP <u>8</u> - <u>8</u> - VS - <u>12</u> HCP <u>12</u>				1 ringer each one point	X	-	-	-	-	-		
Name <u>Carol Sperber</u> vs <u>Fern Woolley</u>				1 point	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ringers				2 points	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Points				1 ringer 3 points	-	0	3	-	-	-		
Score				3 ringer 3 points	X	0	3	-	-	-		
Shoes				1 ringer 4 points	-	0	3	-	-	-		
CAN LIVE RING CLSH				2 ringer 5 points	-	0	0	6	-	-		
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0	3	-	18	10→	0	3	24	0	3	24	24	
X	-	-	12	12→	X	-	12	X	-	12	12	
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				46→								
				48→								
				50→								

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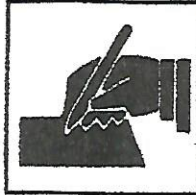
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SCOREKEEPER Rose May Baca

Beginning Percentages 1995

Sonny Abad*	37.50	Ken Ives*	26.62	Joe Purjue*	23.54
Wayne Abad*	32.04	Jack Ives	24.12	Paul Reeves*	16.65
Cindy Allen*	28.66	Bob Jackson*	26.31	Henry Reid	27.79
JoAnn Allen*	28.00	Kirk Jacobsen	23.23	Henry Reynolds	22.58
Kraig Allen*	42.41	Bill Jensen	33.05	Myron Rickett*	23.96
Brett Allies*	18.70	John Jereczek	11.54	Ron Rickett	14.80
Cliff Amsbaugh	42.34	Bud Jerome	27.64	Ron Rickett, Jr	10.00
Jay Anderson*	24.92	Irwin Jessen	21.50	Myron Rickett	23.96
Joy Anderson*	17.73	Gary Johnston	18.43	Ken Riersgard	29.29
Lyle Anderson*	36.46	Ken B Johnson	36.90	Berle Riese*	27.16
Ruth Anderson*	35.94	Lynn Johnson*	38.55	Dan Rollins*	29.29
Tony Apodaca*	36.91	Kirk Kent	36.85	William Rust*	39.47
<u>Charles Ault*</u>	<u>60.52</u>	<u>Loretta Kent</u>	<u>46.54</u>	Jim Saner*	24.78
Jerry Bengston*	30.81	Gary Kollmann*	47.78 #13	George Sasz*	43.92
Jim Bergstrom*	15.95	Mark Koopman	24.48	Don Scarrow*	24.63
Ike Bews	28.32	Rose Kubal*	16.66	Delton Schmeling*	34.13
John Bishoff	43.85	Allen Lee*	40.63	Wayne Schorzman*	35.56
Dean Blake*	35.96	Ron Lloyd*	15.74	Gene Shields*	32.32
Verne Blalack*	17.74	Ryan Lloyd	8.46	Carlena Shove*	30.19
Otto Brennecke*	32.09	Lou Logosz	19.60	Lary Silver	33.84
Lew Brock*	38.19	Don Long*	16.24	Clarence Spears*	23.38
Bill Brown*	57.65 #3	Reed Lowe*	21.60	David Spears*	39.333
Barney Brownlee*	35.49	Thola Lowe	13.72	Lynn Stayner*	35.54
Myron Buchert*	28.43	Betty Lyda	22.47	Eric Stephens*	6.66
Terry Burnham*	23.20	Jesse Lyda*	52.14 #9	Tim Stephens*	28.41
Joe Campbell*	43.10	Don Manwill	25.27	Kurt Stimpson	16.50
Harry Chapin*	47.38 #14	Virginia Manwill	22.32	Eric Struchen*	18.09
James CoBa*	32.65	Carlos Marquez*	27.29	Bill Stutzman*	21.50
Sofia Corn*	34.48	Sherri Marquez	7.47	Glenn Stutzman*	33.30
Tom Cory*	29.63	Clyde Marquez*	50.53 #10	Stephen Sweitzer*	39.28
Olon Crandall*	38.94	Tony Marquez	23.73	Larry Tarr*	35.47
Elmer Currie*	26.58	Jerry Martin*	24.82	Gene Tarr	26.79
<u>Dean Curry*</u>	<u>52.86 #8</u>	Kara McClellan	9.50	Jim Taylor*	54.78 #4
Gary Curtis*	31.79	John McCreary*	27.10	Paul Taylor	22.65
Ed Deeds*	24.56	Jim McCue*	27.96	Robert Thackery*	59.01 #2
Wendy Deeds	23.17	Kyle McEnany*	14.39	Keith Thomas*	41.20
Robert Dodd*	41.45	Vicki McEnany*	39.33	Vern Tieszen*	29.96
Shawn Dunbar	13.80	Cecil McIndoo*	37.54	Vinc Tracy	25.54
Wayne Durnil*	42.66	Merlin Millar*	13.41	Bill Travis*	35.52
Lloyd Falkner	14.75	Dale Moore*	24.48	Milt Ulrich	21.28
Lynn Fuqua*	19.63	Wayne Moore*	53.25 #6	Dona Van Gorder*	40.84
Carrie Gardner*	23.80	Harvey Moore	27.17	Corlell VanGorder*	29.75
Ray Girard*	17.88	Jesse Morrison*	32.79	<u>Linda M VanGorder</u>	<u>56.25</u>
Ray Grossaint*	37.21	Don Moser*	43.84	Jim VanGorder	16.59
Lou Gustin*	13.11	Doug Palmer*	35.51	Buck Walker*	36.88
Randy Hansen*	23.29	Leo Petersen*	33.73	John Warren*	31.11
Don Heidt*	17.83	Robt Peterson	13.65	Ralph Warthen*	25.03
Sam Hernandez*		Travis Pickering*	26.02	Brian Watson*	20.44
Sharel Hill*		Lou Piva*	49.82 #11	Jason Watson*	27.33
Alan Hobdey*	32.10	<u>Nick Piva*</u>	<u>54.09 #5</u>	Kevin Watson*	31.99
Reed Holverson*	28.16	Mark Poole*	11.54	Ralph Warthen	35.00
Howard Homme*	52.93 #7	Ed Poppleton*	22.	Norm Watsons*	39.99
Jake Huston*	23.47	Kathy Poppleton*	41.37	Clarence Webb*	40.97
				<u>Chester Whitworth*</u>	<u>48.07 #12</u>
				Sam Williams*	43.04
				Aline Yergler*	14.10
				Gary Yergler	13.14
				Craig Young*	21.71
				Russell Yowell*	25.25
				Robert Zausch*	28.95



LETTERS

Hermiston, OR
Nov 16, 1994

My prayers go to the families of Warren Stutzman, Willie Joe Thompson, "Perk" Thompson and Bill Stewart. Their passing leaves a great void in Idaho horseshoes.

Warren Stutzman was a good friend and as Louis L'Amour would have said, "A man to ride the river with." Warren tied for 1st in Class B at our Hermiston Money Tournament a few years ago and was always a tough competitor until slowed by health. All those who knew him loved him.

Willie Joe Thompson was also a good friend who always had a good word and a smile. Willie Joe as with Warren gave of their time and effort to make the sport better for all of us and especially the ISHPA.

I did not know Bill or Perk as well but I do know that all four will be greatly missed by all of us.

My sympathy is with you all.

Rick Rebman
Regional Director, NHPA

Orofino, ID
Oct. 23, 1994

Dear Jim . . .

Hope this letters finds you well. Sure sorry to hear of Willie and Warren's passing. I have a photo of Warren & Charlie Ault taken at the State in Salmon if you would like to use it. . . . I will sure miss that sparkplug. I played him a lot in Class A the past seven years.

This reminds me of a story about health, horseshoes and comradeship. Without too much detail I have had open heart surgery in 1985 and 1989 — nine bypasses in all. I was down mentally and physically until I found horseshoes.

Byron Buchert introduced me to tournament horseshoes. I never once thought I'd be an A Class pitcher, let alone beat Dean Curry occasionally. I attribute the game and the friendships I have made for keeping me going. The game has something for young and old alike. It's something I can still do and enjoy — Like George Foreman, I get 'em early before I tire and the mild exercise is what my doctor recommends. Well Jim, I'm not much for words but I want everyone to know what horseshoes has done for me.

Each member should try to recruit at least one person to horseshoes this year. I believe I can get my brother, Perk (I am 68, he is 66). Our migratory fish runs are in real trouble. This year's run is only half of last year's and one-third of the last five years. I landed a 7-pounder last week while trout fishing in the Clearwater. I use wet flies mostly. Clyde is coming over the first of November if I stay well. Adios for now.

Your pitching friend,
Jess Lyda

Dear Jim . . .

Just thought I'd drop you a line — as we just had another Club meeting. We nearly always have it at Don's State Farm conference room — so much was discussed, Don brought it up on the floor that items of interest were needed for FOUR DEAD! so I thought this might be of interest:

1. I am a member of Merrill's Marauders — ever hear of them? Has anyone? If there is another horseshoe pitcher out there in the great State of Idaho who is a Merrill Marauder I would like to meet him. Hopefully he will see this notice and contact me.

2. We have had our club meeting (nearly every month), we always enjoy these get together and we always end up trying to figure out how we are going to beat the SOUTH!

Enclosed you'll find a couple of items of humor — publish as you see fit. In closing — Stay healthy!!

Joe Purjue
Kellogg
March 11, 1995

Silver Valley Report

Kellogg. Well it's almost time to think about ringing shoes again!! Actually, it's been so nice already this spring that a few hardy fellows have been out throwing a few at the local pits. Even caught a couple of people digging the snow out of the pits a couple of weeks ago!! The local club will probably get serious about the first of May if the weather cooperates.

This winter was a little hard on the local club. In November we lost one of our most dedicated members when Dudley Lemon passed away. He had just turned 80 years young, still pitching 40 feet and adamant he could still do as good as the "young-uns." Dudley was very active in the local club and willing to do any task that might need to be done. He left his wife, Martha, and two young daughters, Sarah and Amy, who are also very active in the sports program in school. We will surely miss him when this year's pitching time rolls around.

In January, another of our local club members, Sonny Abad lost his wife to cancer and we extend our condolences to him and his family.

Joe Purjue had open heart surgery and took a while to recuperate but says he'll be ready come spring.

The rest of us wintered fairly well and are looking forward to seeing everyone again at the tournaments.

Silver Valley Club will again host their annual Silver Valley Classic tournament the second weekend of August—12th & 13th. There will also be an all-class reunion in town that weekend so anyone who will need a motel should get their reservations in early.

Shirley Watson

Kellogg

** (208) 784-1388 If you need help with reservations

"Thank you" to all our horse-shoe pitching friends for the many acts of kindness following Warren's death.

Your presence at the services was truly appreciated, as were the flowers, memorials, cards and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Bonnie Stutzman & Family*

An Old Horseshoe Pitcher's Lament

*Thought I'd let my doctor check me
'Cause I didn't feel quite right
All those aches and pains annoyed me
And I couldn't sleep at night.*

*He could find no real disorder
But he couldn't let me rest
What with Medicare and Blue Cross
It wouldn't hurt to do some tests.*

*To the hospital he sent me
Though I didn't feel that bad
He arranged for them to give me
Every test that could be had.*

*I was flouroscopeped and cystoscopeped
My aging frame displayed,
Stripped upon an ice cold table
While my gizzards were xrayed.*

*I was checked for worms and parasites
For fungus and the Crud
While they pierced me with long needles
Taking samples of my blood.*

*Doctors came to check me over
Prodded and pushed and poked around,
To make sure that I was living
They wired me for sound.*

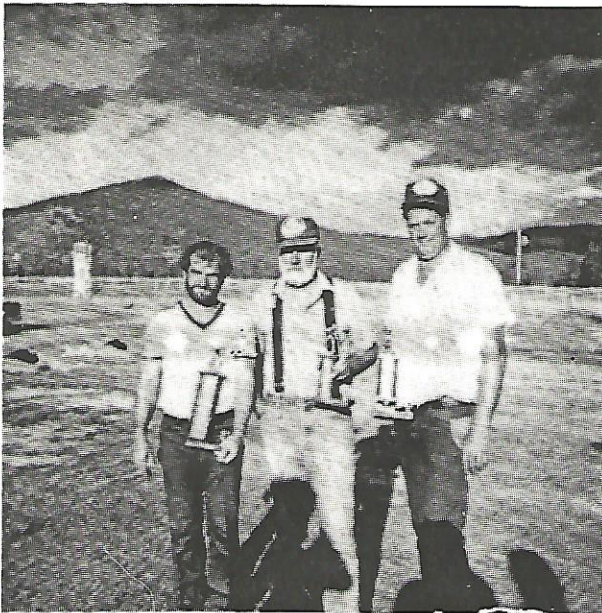
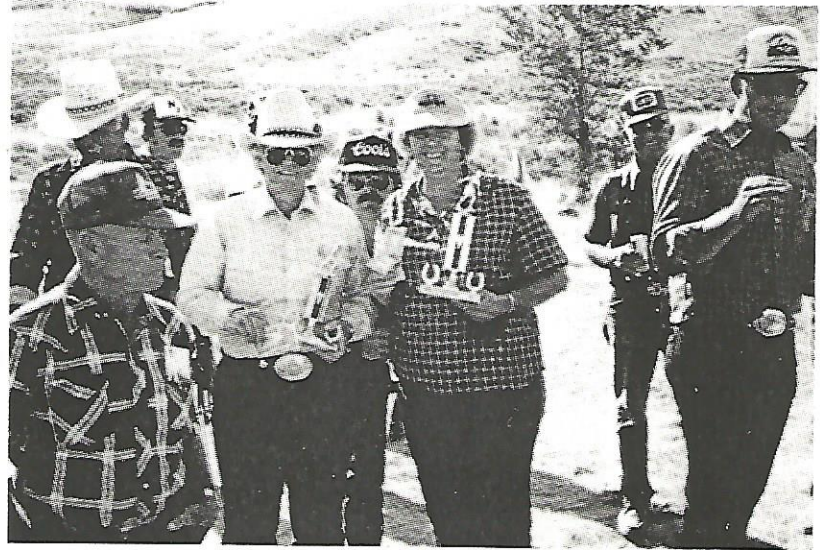
*They have finally concluded
(Their results have filled a page)
What I have will someday kill me,
My affliction is old age.*

Anderson Family Photo Album



← Jackpot, NV Spring 1979. This *may* be the first Jackpot Tourney. The site is across the street and well south of the present location. Note that there are no pits, just steel stakes driven into the ground and surrounded by sage brush. Bill Stewart, who passed away last year, promoted the first of these Tourneys. Here he is awarding a winner's trophy to Ruth Anderson, Idaho Falls. In the background is the Old Timer, next to Ruth is Opal Stewart, Bill's wife of Fairfield.

Jackpot. Fall 1983. Leo Peterson, foreground left, behind him is Lynn Johnson, Salmon. Next are the two lady winners waving cash and holding their trophies, Rose Johnson and Ruth Anerson. That's Glenn Stutzman holding his trophy and in front of him is Bill Stewart. We are all looking forward to the 1995 Fall Festival and the new and improved layout. →



← Coeur d'Alene 1981. Winners. Don Scarrow, Jerome, present Director of Jackpot, Bert Stoddard (deceased) and Lyle Anderson both of Idaho Falls

State Championship Coeur d'Alene 1985 1st place winners. Dean Blake, Sun Valley, Rose and Otto (deceased) Kubal, St. Anthony, Lyle Anderson, Clyde Marquez and Bert Stoddard (deceased) -- and down in front, Jay Anderson, the latter four all from Idaho Falls →



1995 IDAHO STATE HORSESHOE SCHEDULE

April 22	Caldwell	First Annual Spring Fling	Sanc
April 23	OPEN		
April 29	Boise	Spring Tourney	
April 30	Mt Home	Mt Home Open	Sanc
May 6	OPEN		
May 7	OPEN		
May 13	OPEN		
May 14	OPEN	Mother's Day	
May 20	Jerome	Spring Fling	Sanc
May 21	Twin Falls	Coors Twin Spin (\$500)	Sanc
May 21	✓ Coeur d'Alene	Coeur d'Alene Open	Sanc
May 27	OPEN		
May 28	OPEN		
June 3	Caldwell	Handicap Doubles	
June 4	Caldwell	Thompson Brothers Memorial	Sanc
June 10	Fairfield	Bud Lite	
June 11	Fairfield	Bud Lite	
June 17	Salmon	Salmon Valley Open	
June 18	OPEN	Father's Day	
June 24	Idaho Falls	Annual Open	Sanc
June 25	Pocatello	Bud Lite Open	Sanc
July 1	Boise	Boise Open	Sanc
July 2	Mt Home	Mt Home Open	Sanc
July 4	Caldwell	Independence Day Open	
July 8	OPEN		
July 9	✓ Coeur d'Alene	Kootenai Open	Sanc
July 15	Pocatello	IDAHO STATE DOUBLES CHAMP	Sanc
July 16	OPEN		
July 22	OPEN		
July 23	OPEN		
July 29	Rupert	Warren Stutzman Memorial	Sanc
July 30	Rupert	Warren Stutzman Memorial	Sanc
Aug 5	Caldwell	Ralph Warthen Classic	Sanc
Aug 6	Boise	Dave's Woodworks Open	
Aug 12	✓ Kellogg	12th Annual Silver Valley Classic	Sanc
Aug 13	✓ Kellogg	12th Annual Fun Doubles	
Aug 12	Fairfield	Coors Open	
Aug 13	Fairfield	Coors Open	
Aug 19	Pocatello	Gate City Open	Sanc
Aug 20	OPEN		
Aug 26	Jerome	IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Sanc
Aug 27	Jerome	IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Sanc
Sept 2	OPEN		
Sept 3	OPEN		
Sept 9	Jackpot	Cactus Pete's Fall Open	
Sept 10	Jackpot	Cactus Pete's Fall Open	
Sept 16	Challis	Challis Fall Open	Sanc
Sept 17	Salmon	Salmon Fall Open	Sanc

Tho'ts on HANDICAPPING

When there is a wide variation in the ability (ringer percentage) of pitchers that must pitch together, handicapping is the only practical solution to make the contest competitive. No one likes handicaps. Generally, if there are a great many pitchers, there is no need to handicap. In the world tournament, for example, there are many 36-man classes when every pitcher has the same ringer percentage or within 1, 2 or 3% of each other. That, of course, is ideal.

Cancellation scoring to a certain number of points (say 40 or 50 points) where the number of shoes to be thrown is unknown is much more complicated to handicap than when the number of shoes to be thrown is known in advance. That's because the handicap differs according to the number of shoes pitched. *The simplest way to fairly handicap is to pitch a certain number of shoes, say, 40 or 50, regardless of the score.* That way the number of points to be added to the lower percentage player can be added in the first box. The handicap differs depending on the percentage difference between each two pitchers. It is not a single constant figure as we have used in the past.

The system is based on the difference in ringer percentage between the two pitchers — that is, the difference in the number of ringers thrown by each *in pitching 100 shoes*. We convert the percentages into points, three points for every ringer or 1%. For example one pitcher throws 25%, the other 35%, the difference is 10% or 30 points *in 100 shoes*. In a 50-shoe game it would be half of that or 15 points. In a 40-shoe game the handicap would be 12 points and it would be added in the first frame. Another pitcher throws 28.6, the other throws 33.4. The difference is 4.8%, make that 5% or 15 points for 100 shoes, for a 40-shoe game that would be a handicap of 6 points. This just deals with the ringers, the better pitcher still has the advantage of close points and pitching first.

Where "D" is the difference in percentages between the two pitchers, "H" is the handicap:

$$D \times 3 \times .5 = \text{Handicap in 50-shoe game.}$$

$$D \times 3 \times .4 = \text{Handicap in 40-shoe game.}$$

The easy way is to follow the table. Pitchers can do that themselves when their percentage is included on their cards:

Diff %	HANDICAP		Diff %	HANDICAP	
	50	40		50	40
1%	2	2	11%	17	13
2%	3	3	12%	18	14
3%	5	4	13%	19	16
4%	6	5	14%	21	17
5%	8	6	15%	23	18
6%	9	7	16%	24	19
7%	11	8	17%	26	20
8%	12	10	18%	27	22
9%	14	11	19%	29	23
10%	15	12	20%	30	24

The handicap chart could be posted for all to see. Each director must have a copy and eventually cards could

be printed for every player. This is the simplest and thus least subject to error.

This material came from *The Horseshoe Pitcher's Manual*, a NHPA publication. The handicap system was developed by the New Jersey Horseshoe Pitcher's Association and has been found the most satisfactory handicapping for "cancellation" scoring. Count all" scoring requires a different handicap system. JGM

TOP TEN -- Idaho's Winningest

- Kirk Jacobsen 15
- David Spears 12
- George Sasz 9
- Sophia Corn 8
- Gary Kollmann 7
- Wendy Weeds 5
- Howard Homme 5
- Linda VanGorder 5
- Bill Travis 4
- Jim Price 3
- Clyde Marquez 3
- Bill Rust 3
- Clarence Spears 3
- Tim Stephens 3
- Jim Taylor 3
- Buck Walker 3
- Ralph Warthen 3

North Rocky Mountain Regional

Grand Junction, Colorado
July 1-3, 1995

16 courts in Lincoln Park, no overnight parking allowed, RV parks close by.

Pre-register by June 19, 1995.

Entry fee \$25. Added purse probable.

Fees payable to Western Colorado Horseshoe Pitching Club. Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Vic Magnus
377 Rodell, Grand Junction, CO 81503
Phone 303-241-6051

Northwest Pacific Regional Hermiston, Oregon June 17-18, 1995.

25 courts at Weber Field
RV parking available at Fairgrounds next to courts.

Pre-register by June 10, 1995.

Entry fee \$25 Class "A", \$20 all other classes.

Total purse expected to exceed \$4,000.

Entry payable to Hermiston Horseshoe Club. Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Rick Rebman
Rt. 5, Box 5257, Hermiston, OR 97838
503-567-8560

FOUR DEAD! *Notes*

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We've drilled the **FOUR DEAD!** pages so they fit the standard three-ring binder available in most households. Makes them easier to store and keep together. Hope you like the idea.

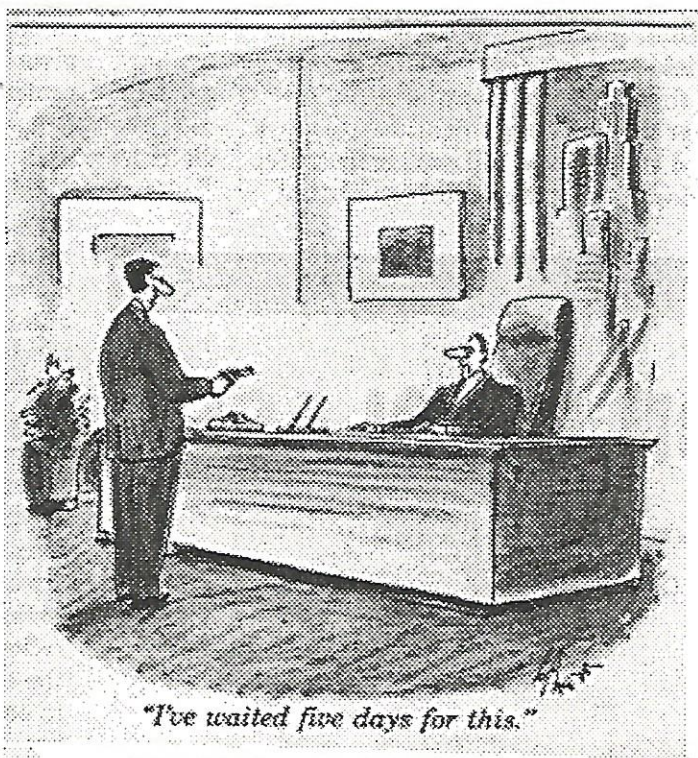
The schedule has several *open days* available for tournaments. The First Security Games aren't listed and there's no tourney scheduled for Inkom yet and some cities have fewer tourneys this year than last. The best way to bring new members into the game is through *non-sanctioned tournaments* — it costs a prospective new member a lot less to see if he's going to like the play. \$27. compared to \$10. That extra \$17 turns many off. Non-sanctioned tourneys are much easier to promote and run too. Think about your club taking one of those open days. We'll promote it in the next issue of **FOUR DEAD!** — *if we get it by June 1st.*

Is there no club in Idaho willing, able or interested in sponsoring the **WORLD Tournament**? At the '94 Annual Meeting in Salmon, a motion was made, seconded and passed that any city that was interested in hosting the **WORLD** should check the facilities, costs and potential backing and report back to the president. We have seen no report. Now is the time to consider and discuss the details so that an informed decision can be reached at the Annual Meeting in Jerome the end of August — it would be for the 1998 **World Tourney**. If Spearfish and Gillette can handle it, there are several cities in Idaho that can too. It means some \$5-6,000,000. to the economy of that city in just two weeks. If you have question about the details call Buck Walker, now of Rupert. He's got answers for you.

There are problems with the 12-man round robin play at State. It brought a 30% difference between the 1st and the 12th seed. Too much. A 6-man double round robin might be better. This should be discussed and debated throughout the year so that it can be put on the agenda and voted upon at the '95 Annual Meeting. **FOUR DEAD!** would like to print your thoughts on the subject in the next issue. The same can be said regarding the boundaries of the three regions of the state

(North, East and West) and how the State Tourney should be rotated with the increased clubs and membership. If you have anything to say on either subject we'd like to hear from you — not later than June 1st for the next issue. Maybe we'll have the Committee Report on the latter by then.

One of the primary purposes of **FOUR DEAD!** is to circulate the doings of Idaho horseshoe pitchers — it is a reader-reporter publication, it depends upon the readers themselves to provide the news. The member-reporters could do much better. We need your help! We need your help to get tourney reports in on time. You may remember that last year the final issue - November - was **22 pages** (that's too much) while the other three issues all together didn't total that much. That's because, among other things, we had to report 14-16 tournaments in November. More than half of those should have been reported in the previous two issues one of which *had not a single tourney report*. Help by getting your tourney reports in early. *JGM*



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